THE

Duke of Savoye

HIS

DECLARATION

OR THE

ACT of RE-ESTABLISHMENT,

Granted to the

VAUDOIS.

Done out of French.

THE Signal Proofs of Loyalty and the Evident Marks of Zeal for Our Service, which have been given Us, and are continued to be given us every day by our Proteſtant Subjects of the Valleys of *Luzerne*, *Peruſe*, St. *Martin* and the adjacent Places, *viz.* *Perouſin*, St. *Bartholomy*, and *Roche-plate*; having already invited us to receive them afreſh under Our Protection: We have thought fit on Weighty

Conſiderations that We ſhould no longer delay the Publiſhing their Entire Re-eſtabliſhment in Our Favour, to incite them ſo much the more to deſerve it.

Therefore We by theſe Preſents, which we will to have the Force of an Edict, of Our Certain Knowledge, full Power, Abſolute Authority, and with the Advice of our Council, grant to the ſaid Proteſtants ample Pardon and Entire Abſolution, Remiſſion and Abolition of all Crimes, which they had been taxed with for Contravention of our Edicts of the 13*th* of *January* and 9*th* of *April* 1686. as well in general as particular, and of all others which they have committed in dependence of the ſaid Edicts, how Enormous and great ſoever they might be, without excepting any, even that of læſe Majeſty Divine and Humane, and which require ſpecifick or Individual Mention, and of all the Pains declared or incured by reaſon of them. Revoking and Annulling, for this End, the ſaid Edicts and their Regiſtrings, As alſo the Declarations of Puniſhments, Sentences, Ordinances and all other Acts and Orders made in Execution of the ſaid Edicts againſt the ſaid Proteſtants; ſo that for the future they ſhall remain without any Force and Effect, as if they had never been made.

We re-eſtabliſh them and all thoſe who had given them aid, Counſel and Favour in their former honour and in our good Grace, as they were before the Contraventions of the ſaid Edicts: Ordaining that all thoſe of the ſaid Proteſtants, that are yet in Cuſtody, be immediately ſet at Liberty, and that the Sons and Daughters of the ſaid Proteſtants of what Age, and in what Place of our Eſtates ſoever they are,

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be left at full Liberty to return to their Parents, in the ſaid Vallies, and to make profeſſion of their Religion there, and that for this Effect they be returned without Payment of any Charge, Reſtoring, and Willing that the ſaid Proteſtants be maintained with their Children and Poſterity in the Poſſeſſion of all and every their Antient Rights, Edicts, Cuſtoms, Uſages and Priviledges, as well in reſpect of their Habitations, Traffique, Commerce and Exercife of the Religion which they profeſs, as of all other things without Exception, Re-eſtabliſhing them again in and reſtoring them to the Quiet and Peaceable Poſſeſſion and Enjoyment of all the Goods, Fonds, Houſes, Heritages, Names, Accounts and Actions, and of all other things which ſhall be found in being and in nature, and which they can juſtifie, by all manner of Proofs, had appertained to them immediatly before the ſaid Edicts of the *13th.* of *January*, and *9th.* of *April* 1686. Ordaining all thoſe that may have been in Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Goods and Effects, which belonged to the ſaid Proteſtants before the ſaid Edicts, that in conformity to what is above, they reſtore them, and leave the ſaid Proteſtants in the free and peaceable Enjoyment, without diſquieting or moleſting them any manner of way, and under any Pretence whatſoever. Prohibiting all Magiſtrates, Judges Officers and Fiſcals, and all others to whom it ſhall be neceſſary, any further to diſturb really nor perſonally the foreſaid and their Adherents, as well for the preſent as future, by reaſon of the ſaid Contraventions and Delicts, Annexes, Connexes and Dependances, ſo that they may no more be call'd to Account, in general or in particular, much leſs diſquieted in any ſort in their Perſons and Goods, by reaſon of the ſaid Edicts, nor Adjurations which they

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may have made: Impoſing on the Fiſc and on all others that might moleſt them a perpetual and final ſilence.

Declaring from this preſent Null all that might follow on the contrary. *WE* permit further to every Perſon profeſſing the ſame Religion, and to go and ſettle freely in the ſaid Vallies, they takeing the accuſtomed Oath of Fidelity, and to live and be always Faithful and Obedient Subjects to Us, and our Royal Succeſſers to the Crown.

For this End we Charge and Command all Magiſtrates, Miniſters, Officers, Vaſſels and all others whom it may concern, to Obſerve, and cauſe inviolably to be obſerved theſe preſents. And to our Senates and Chamber of *Piemont* to Regiſter and approve in every point and every where according to the Contents. And to the End that none may be ignorant of the Content, WE charge that the ſame be Publiſhed and Affixed in the Places and manner accuſtomed; Declaring that the ſame Credit ſhall be given to the Copy Printed by *Valleta*, as to the proper Original: For ſuch is our Pleaſure.

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